

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment claims 1-20 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 11 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 16-20 have been allowed. Reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

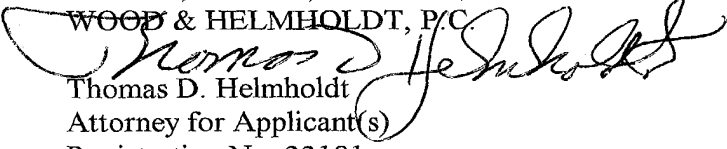
In the Office Action dated February 5, claims 2-7 and 9-15 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent format. Claim 1 has been amended to include the language of claim 2. Claim 11 has been amended into independent format including the limitations of claim 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-15 are in suitable condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's objection of claims 1, and 3-15 is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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